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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN NIV

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1. CARL H. MAU, SECRETARY GENERAL, U.S. A. NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION, AND PAUL WEE, LUTHERAN MINISTER IN BERLIN, VISITED CONSULATE SEPTEMBER 21 TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF CARL ORDNUNG RECEIVING NIV TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINAR IN U.S. SPONSORED BY LUTHERAN CHURCH. SEMINAR WILL TAKE PLACE IN NUMBER OF CITIES OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 30, 1973. ORDNUNG WILL APPLY FOR VISA IN FEW DAYS AND WILL SUBMIT EXACT ITINERARY.

2. MESSRS. MAU AND WEE KNEW THAT ORDNUNG HAD BEEN DENIED U.S. VISA IN PAST BUT STRESSED HIS HIGH QUALIFICATIONS AS THEOLOGIAN AND EXPERT IN EASTERN EUROPEAN CHURCH AFFAIRS. THEY PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS HAVE ORDNUNG PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED SEMINAR BECAUSE HUNGARIAN BISHOP KALDY, ORIGINALLY SLATED TO REPRESENT EE, HAS BEEN DENIED EXIT VISA.

3. CONSULAR OFFICER REPLIED DECISION ON ORDNUNG'S APPLICATION WOULD BE MADE IN WASHINGTON. REQUEST CURRENT ADVISORY OPINION.KLEIN

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